

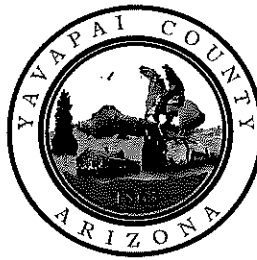
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March 20, 2020

Honorable Katie Hobbs, Arizona Secretary of State
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Secretary Hobbs:

Please be advised that Yavapai County did not have the required participation from the county political parties for the hand count of ballots for the Presidential Preference Election, March 17, 2020. Therefore, in accordance with A.R.S. §16-602(C), Yavapai County did not conduct a hand count. The following is a list of steps that Yavapai County took to facilitate the hand count.

On February 21, 2020, a hand county reminder letter was emailed to John Lutes, Yavapai County Democratic Party Chair, Tim Benjamin, Yavapai County Libertarian Party Chair and Donna Tanzi, Yavapai County Republican Party Chair, to remind them of the hand count procedure, their responsibilities and allow them sufficient time to recruit hand count board workers.

On March 7, 2020, the Libertarian Party responded that they would not participate. On March 10, 2020, the Democratic Party emailed a list of 6 hand count workers. By the March 10, 2020 5:00 pm deadline, the Republican Party had not responded. On March 11, 2020 before 9:00 am, reminder e-mails, phone calls and voice mail messages were left for the Republican Party chairperson listed above in accordance with A.R.S. §16-602(C)(7). On March 13, 2020, an e-mail with a list of 4 hand count workers was received from the Republican Party.

Due to the concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, a confirmation phone call was made to both the Democratic and Republican Parties confirming their participation in both the hand count batch draw on Wednesday, March 18th and the actual hand count on Saturday, March 21st. Both agreed that the hand count would continue.

The Yavapai County Party Chairs/Designees from the Democratic and Republican parties met at 3:00 pm on March 18, 2020 and randomly chose: Vote Center #10 located in Dewey-Humboldt, Vote Center # 22 located in Congress, and early ballot batches # 03, # 04, # 06, and # 09, to be hand counted.

On Friday, March 20, 2020, both a phone message and e-mail was received from the Democratic Party withdrawing from the hand count over concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Republican Party was immediately contacted and informed that the hand count audit was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynn A. Constabile".

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